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CITY of BRISTOL,

The OATH *of a* BURGESS.

YOU ſhall be good and true unto His Majeſty King *GEORGE* II. and to the Heirs and Succeſſors of the ſaid King, and to the Lieutenant, Maſter Mayor of the City of BRISTOL, and the Miniſters of the ſame, in all Cauſes, reaſonable you ſhall be Obedient and Aſſiſtant.

You ſhall keep the Franchiſes and Cuſtoms of this City; and alſo the King's Peace here you ſhall endeavour yourſelf to keep and maintain

You ſhall be Contributary to all manner of Summons; As Watches, Taxes, Lots, Scots, and other Charges within this City, to your Power.

You ſhall know none unlawful Aſſemblies, Riots or Routs, purpoſed to be made againſt the King's Laws or Peace, but you ſhall withſtand them to your Power, or warn Maſter Mayor for the Time being thereof, or ſome of the Head Officers of this City, as ſpeedily as you can.

You ſhall not colour the Goods of any Foreigner or Stranger, or know any Foreigner or Stranger, to buy and ſell with another Foreigner, within the Precincts of this City, but you ſhall give Knowledge thereof unto the Chamberlain or his Deputy, without Delay.

You ſhall not implead or ſue any Burgeſs of this City, in any Court out of this City, for any Matter whereof you may have ſufficient Remedy within this City.

You ſhall not take any Apprentice that is Bond of Blood, and none other, except he be born under the King's Obeyſance and for no leſs Term than Seven Years, and that he be bound by Indentures to be made by the Town-Clerk; of this City for the Time being, or by his Clerk; and at the End of his Term, if he have truly ſerved you all his Term; you ſhall (if he require you to it) preſent him to Maſter Mayor or to the Chamberlain, to be made a Burgeſs.

You ſhall not take or wear the Livery or Cloathing of any Lord, Gentleman, or other Perſon but only your own, or your Crafts; or of Maſter Mayor, or of the Lord High Steward of this City, or of the Sheriffs of the ſame, ſo long as you ſhall be dwelling within this City.

You ſhall make no Oath or Promiſe by way of Confederacy, contrary to the King's Laws.

So Help you GOD *by the Holy Contents of this Book.*

William Lansdown Brasier ..is admitted into the Liberties of this City.

the 23rd Day of October 1749 Thomas Curtis Esq. Mayor.

William Barnes Junr. & John Curtis Esqrs. Sheriffs, for that he was an Apprentice of S. John Love ..... A Freeman of the ſame.

As appears by the Regiſter-Book of Burgeſſes, Nº 11 Fol. 9

Chris. Willoughby Chamberlain.

Willm. Saunders